



THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF HADDONFIELD

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FRANKLIN'S PHILADELPHIA

Philadelphia in the 18th century will come vividly to life in a slide-illustrated talk to be presented at the May meeting of the Society. Our guest speaker will be Mrs. R. Wallace Tromner, Jr., of Moorestown, a member of the Volunteer Guides of the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The program was especially planned to refresh the acquaintance of historically minded residents of the Delaware Valley with the city of Philadelphia as it was during the latter half of the 18th century, the period of Franklin's greatest accomplishments as philosopher, statesman and diplomat. It is a word and picture portrayal of the architecture, furniture, silver, glass and fashion of that time. Mrs. Tromner will also touch upon the early history of the houses in Fairmont Park.

In tracing the development of the city Franklin knew and loved, the Museum's print library has provided a unique pictorial history of the time. The beautifully detailed William Birch drawings show many buildings which still exist.

You will enjoy comparing the 1976 photographs with the same landmarks as depicted by Birch in the 18th century.

Painting began to be a recognized art during Franklin's lifetime, and men of talent took up brush or pen to leave behind a visual record of the Philadelphia they knew. Philadelphia, located as it was in the middle of Colonial America, was an exciting city in the 18th century. And . . . with its new building and the restoration of those places of historic importance—including Franklin's own home in Orianna Court—Philadelphia is becoming once again an exciting city.

SPRING MEETING

Date: Tuesday, May 18, 1976

Time: 8:00 P.M.

Place: Auditorium, Borough Hall

**PLEASE NOTE:
NEW LOCATION**

HEAR YE, HEAR YE!

Visualize if you will the Town Crier calling each of us to Greenfield Hall for a special evaluation of our membership responsibilities. Are we offering our services and actively participating in an effort to carry on the traditions upon which the Society was founded?

Greenfield Hall should be a viable part of our Community. The Library and exhibits are bringing persons who relate to those particular areas. The number of visitors interested in touring our house museum is expanding. Hopefully, this will motivate an increase in membership.

The Women's Committee as always is working diligently to make the Fair the best ever. However our combined efforts are needed to spell success.

Rising costs, experienced by all of us, have been of great concern to the Society relating particularly to the maintenance of our building. An increase in dues is only a part of the solution. Other suggestions have been recommended by the future planning committee. These should be studied and implemented.

A recommendation to charge an admission fee for visitors to Greenfield Hall will be considered at the regular meeting in May.

Make a special effort to attend this meeting, May 18. Bring your suggestions and volunteer your services.

Edward Everett Hale said it best—I am only one . . . I cannot do everything . . . I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

Dorothy B. McGlade
President

FIFES AND DRUMS . . .

AT THE HISTORIC VILLAGE FAIR

Like fine wine or good cheese, the annual Village Fair sponsored by the Woman's Committee improves with age.

Certain favorites remain year after year—White Elephants, the Auction, Jewelry, Clothesline Art, Garden Plants, Strawberries and Baked Goods. New ideas find expression in The Country Store, The Gift Boutique, the Photograph Album and Commemoratives. Village Fair hot dogs, broiled over charcoal, taste better than anywhere else, and the luncheon served on the Terrace is truly a joy to the palate.

The fourteenth annual fair will be held on the Society grounds Saturday, June 5th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Fife and Drum motif will everywhere be apparent and visitors will thrill to the sounds of music when Bob Beach, Amy Huff and Mollie MacDonald parade across the grounds.

Woman's Committee chairperson Ruby B. Oberst, requests that "When you're cleaning closets or drawers, please think of us. Though the article may have outlived its usefulness in your home, someone at the Fair may discover it's just the thing for him." Articles may be left at "Greenfield Hall" every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon and each morning the week before the Fair.

ACTION REQUIRED BY THE MEMBERS

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS

The Board of Trustees at its meeting February 10, 1976, recommended the following change in membership dues: "That the Annual Dues of the Society be established as of the fiscal year October 16, 1976—October 15, 1977 as follows:

Associate Members	
(under 18 years)	\$ 1.00
Active Members	7.50
Sustaining Members	25.00
Life Members	200.00"

Only one category—Active Membership—is affected. If the Board's resolution is approved, those dues will be increased from \$5.00 to \$7.50.

INITIAL SURVEY—**FUTURE PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Members appointed to the Future Planning Committee (see BULLETIN, Vol. 19, No. 1, Feb. 1976) are M. Elmond Neeley, Chairman, Mrs. Edward E. Krauss, Jr., Ms. Ruby B. Oberst, James L. Pond, Joseph N. Hartel and resource member John S. Wood, Jr.

The committee held its first meeting March 23rd. Its preliminary studies were directed toward the Society's current financial situation and to its place in the community.

A survey of income and expense since 1972 was used as criteria for a projection of the Society's annual financial needs through 1980. This study, which assumed inflation would continue at the rate of 7 per cent each of the years involved, indicated clearly the need to earn additional revenue to meet each year's increasing expense and the added costs of maintaining the Samuel Mickle House.

In the committee's view, the Historical Society should present itself to the people of Haddonfield as an active, lively cultural and social center, and not just as a museum preserving old records and the possessions of our ancestors.

Aside from Membership dues, the three largest fund-raising programs are 1) the Village Fair sponsored by the Woman's Committee; 2) The Candlelight Tour of Haddonfield Homes; and 3) The Christmas Gala. Other sources must be found. Among the suggestions the committee will investigate further are making more extensive use of So-

ciety facilities; stepping up the Membership Drive; initiating programs to encourage gifts, donations or bequests; encouraging Life Membership as a source of investment income; and increasing cash reserves to produce interest income.

As means of developing larger income, the committee suggests presenting a series of lectures on a fee basis; offering tours, expanding the present social programs; charging for craft programs and selling the products; embarking on a continuing public relations program; and charging admission fees.

ACTION NOW ON A FUTURE PLAN

In order to bridge the gap between income and expense without drawing further from savings, the Society's Board agreed to implement by mid-June one of the Planning Committee's recommendations—to charge an admission fee, if approved by the membership.

While considering the possibility of charging a fee, the question of how such action might affect the Society's tax-exempt status was raised. Legal opinion has been received that the charging of such a fee may be done without endangering the current tax position.

The fees proposed and adopted by the Board are as follows:

Adults	\$1.00
Youths (ages 12 - 18 years)	.50
Children under 12	No Charge

Schedules for group admissions are to be established. This new policy is to be put into effect June 13, 1976.

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MORE—ON THE SAMUEL MICKLE HOUSE

It was a happy day indeed when General Thomas H. Lipscomb accepted the Society's invitation to serve as chairman of the second phase of the Samuel Mickle (Hip Roof) House Fund Drive.

General Lipscomb, a West Point graduate, spent his Army career with the Corps of Engineers. Regarded as an authority on public transportation, he served as Executive Director of the Delaware River Port Authority and as General Manager of Southeast Michigan Transit Authority. Now a consultant in construction management, General Lipscomb's services are in demand throughout the country.

In outlining some of his ideas about the second Samuel Mickle (Hip Roof) House Fund Drive, General Lipscomb suggested that the campaign be extended to cover not only the interior restoration but also to acquire the necessary furnishings. The Board agreed with this broader concept. Overall plans for the campaign will be announced shortly.

In a separate action concerning the future use of the Samuel Mickle House, the Board approved a resolution that "the building not be used for custodial purposes."

EXHIBITS . . .

PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

Exhibits Chairman Diane H. Snodgrass has planned a series of timely exhibits to delight visitors to the Society.

On May 1 and 2 the South Jersey Treasure Hunter's Club arranged a display of the artifacts they unearthed in the excavations for I-95. They ranged in size from clap pipes to an English swivel cannon. They included a 1740 market pewter plate, onion bottles which have been dated 1700 - 1710, an eagle handle spoon made by Benjamin Casimer, rare American coins and many more relics of the American past.

The second-floor Case Room houses a varied selection of books, manuscripts and memorabilia from the Revolutionary era. The books and documents were selected for this exhibit by Librarian Gertrude D. Hess to reflect the particular concerns of residents of this section of the Delaware Valley.

For the Candlelight Tour of Haddonfield Homes, which will take place the evening of October 15 and the afternoon of October 16, an exhibition of flags from the Society's collection is planned.